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The Associated Students of the University of Montana
Resolution Amending Section 9, Subsection 14, Clause 2 of ASUM Fiscal Policy
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SB62-14/15

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Whereas, the Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) oversees money allocations during Final Budgeting;

Whereas, Final Budgeting can exceed twenty hours;

Whereas, this is partially due to redundancies;

Whereas, Fiscal Policy Section 9, Subsection 14, Clause 2 currently states:

“9.14.2 (NOTE: In ITEM 9.14.2 "Executives" excludes the Chair.) Amendments to the Executive Recommendation. Final Budgeting shall not be closed until the first round has been completed.

- 1. Discussion of categories shall follow the order selected by lottery as mentioned in 9.12.
- 2. Once a category has been opened, by a simple majority vote of the Senate, in the first round of discussion, every organization in that category will be recognized, in an order established by the Chair, for the proposal of amendments to the Executive Recommendation. The proposal of amendments shall be open to the Senators and Executives. During the first round of budgeting, budget line-items may be decreased by a simple majority vote and may only be increased by a four-fifths majority vote of the Senate.
- 3. All subsequent rotations shall follow the same procedure.
- 4. A category shall remain open for discussion until the end of the first rotation. The motion to end discussion on a category shall be passed by a two-thirds majority vote. Once the first round of discussion on a category has been closed, it shall not be reopened until all other categories have been closed for the first round of discussion.
- 5. During the second round, budgets of organizations can only be increased. During the second round, budgets of organizations can only be decreased with a four-fifths majority vote of the Senate.
- 6. Once no funds remain in the Senate Discretionary Account and all categories have been closed for the first round of discussion, Final Budgeting shall be concluded by approval of the Executive Recommendation with amendments by a two-thirds majority vote.”

Therefore, Let it be Resolved that Fiscal Policy Section 9, Subsection 14, Clause 2 be

amended to read:

“9.14.2 (NOTE: In ITEM 9.14.2 "Executives" excludes the Chair.) Amendments to the Executive Recommendation. Final Budgeting shall not be closed until the first round has been completed.

- 1. Discussion of categories shall follow the order selected by lottery as mentioned in 9.12.
- 2. Once a category has been opened, by a simple majority vote of the Senate, in the first round of discussion, every organization in that category will be recognized, in an order established by the Chair, for the proposal of amendments to the Executive Recommendation. The proposal of amendments shall be open to the Senators and Executives. ~~During the first round of budgeting, budget line items may be decreased by a simple majority vote and may only be increased by a four-fifths majority vote of the Senate.~~ **All amendments require a simple majority to pass.**
- 3. All subsequent rotations shall follow the same procedure.
- 4. A category shall remain open for discussion until the end of the first rotation. The motion to end discussion on a category shall be passed by a two-thirds majority vote. Once the first round of discussion on a category has been closed, it shall not be reopened until all other categories have been closed for the first round of discussion.
- ~~5. During the second round, budgets of organizations can only be increased. During the second round, budgets of organizations can only be decreased with a four-fifths majority vote of the Senate.~~
- **5.** Once no funds remain in the Senate Discretionary Account and all categories have been closed for the first round of discussion, Final Budgeting shall be concluded by approval of the Executive Recommendation with amendments by a two-thirds majority vote.”

Passed by Committee:

Passed by ASUM Senate: _____, 2014

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Sean McQuillan,
Chair of the Senate